

Black Mesa Chapter Veterans Organization (BMVO)
Veterans Monthly Meeting Talking Circle Minutes
October 6, 2025
9:00 a.m. (0900 hours)

- I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:
 - a. By Richard Claw, Commander at 0954 hours
- II. INVOCATION & MOMENT OF SILENCE
 - Invocation by: Richard Claw, Commander, followed by moment of silence
- III. ADOPTION OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:
 - Read by Wilson Honie, Vice Commander
 - Motion: Kyle Begay Seconded: Richard Sage
 - Vote: Yeas: 09 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01
- IV. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 - Adopt agenda with correction to remove "reading and accepting Previous BMVO Meeting (September 2025) in Section IV, correct date to Section d. from October 11, 2025, to October 18, 2025, and Add an announcement to Section V subsection: h. as "Navajo County Stand Down, October 24, 2025, at Navajo County Fairgrounds, Holbrook, AZ.
- Pro-temp Liaison Officer for current meeting: Delphina Tsosie
- Motion: Jason Yazzie Seconded: Ray Yazzie
- Vote: Yeas: 16 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01
- V. ANNOUNCEMENT:
 - b. Black Mesa Chapter planning meeting, October 04, 2025 @ 9:00 am
 - c. Talking Circle by Televeda, Chinle Veterans Office for the month of October 2025. To be announced (TBA)
 - d. Black Mesa Chapter meeting October 18, 2025 @ 9:00 am.
 - e. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapter Commanders meeting Friday, October 31, 2025 @ 10:00 am TBA.
 - f. Farmington Stand Down 2025, on October 10, 2025, from 8AM to 2 PM at the San Juan College Health Human Resource Center in Farmington, NM.
 - g. 250th Annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball on Saturday, November 08, 2025, at Route 66 Casino Hotel in Albuquerque, NM. For more information contact Gunny Pete at (928) 206-0962. Tickets range from \$50 per couple to \$30 per person.
 - h. Navajo County Stand Down, October 24, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Navajo County Fairgrounds in Holbrook, AZ.
- VI. REPORTS: Reports will be brief.
 - a. Germaine Simenson, Council Delegate/Legislative Assistant, Tia Silver: No Show
 - b. Commander, Richard Claw: Made report regarding the August 2025 Black Mesa Chapter Meeting minutes. Current veteran count for BMVO is 18 men, 8 women and 3 surviving spouses with a total of 29. Initially we have 30 veterans within our organization with 5 high risks, 3 surviving spouses. CNVO has 26 veterans registered with 4 that have not updated registration. Veterans Trust Fund was to be raised from 4% to add 8% but after reviewing it was noted that veteran funds would deplete faster so it was stated that if we do 4% to 6% it would be better. It's currently still on the table for discussion.
 - c. Vice-Commander, Wilson Honie: Reported on the road conditions during the time that the CNVO meeting was to occur at the Black Mesa Chapter House. Also it was reported that

CLUP-C ordered the road signs and once they come in, they will hire personnel to put them up along the roadways.

- d. Liaison Officer: Vacant
- e. Representative, Don Sage: Good Morning
- f. Sergeant-At-Arms, Harrison Honie: No Show
- g. Introduction of Guest: Shaylee Charley

ACCEPT REPORTS:

Motion: Jason Yazzie Seconded: Wilson Honie

Vote: Yeas: 16 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Update of Veterans Facility: Dorothy Yazzie updated that all documents were mailed to Myron Tsosie. \$500,000 was given for the designs but only \$200,000 was used, therefore the remaining balance will be used for the construction. Many attempts have been made to Mr. Tsosie but unable to reach him. Left numerous messages with his assistant. Over \$1 million is needed to start the construction. Attempted to follow up with State Representative but they only work 6 to 7 months out of the year. Over 500 million is in the Si'Hasiin fund, but no new projects are moving forward due to unfinished projects.
- b. Update Veterans Trust Fund: Stipends for CNVO meetings was changed from 12 months to 6 months so adjustment in the allocation budget has changed. Self Help was changed to \$7213.00 (7 x \$900.00 and 1 x 913.00), Medical changed to \$1,650.00 (11 x \$150.00) one time assistance, and Stipend changed to \$3,600.00 (12 x \$75.00 and 6 x \$150.00)
- c. Chapter **Permanent Veterans Funds**' current total balance is \$3,679.63. Discussion was made to transfer veterans' funds to new construction of veterans building. The commander stated that he would look into it. Another discussion was made to also have the CNVO monthly meetings to be centralized back to Chinle instead of going from Chapter to Chapter.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Nomination opens for BMVO Liaison Officer/Secretary position: Delphina Tsosie stated that she would like to take on the position. No other nominees or volunteers came forth. She introduced herself to the organization and accepted the position.

Motion: Ray Yazzie Seconded: Jason Yazzie

Vote: Yeas: 18 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01

- b. Accepting financial assistance Form 105 and W9.

Motion: Ray Yazzie Seconded: Jason Yazzie

Vote: Yeas: 18 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01

IX. NEXT MEETING AND TIME: November 10, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: 1245 hours

Motion: Jason Yazzie Seconded: Ray Yazzie

Vote: Yeas: 18 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01